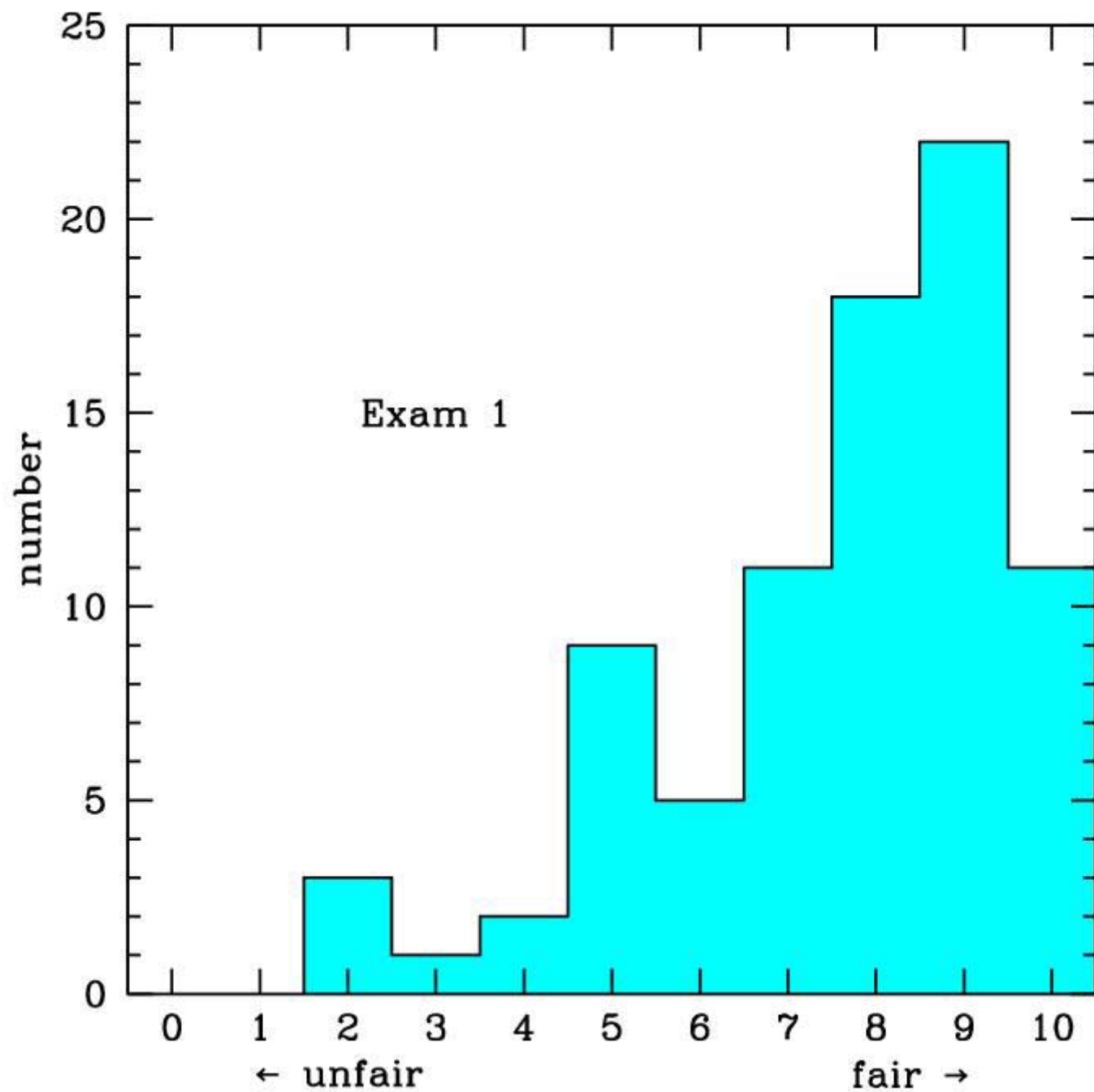
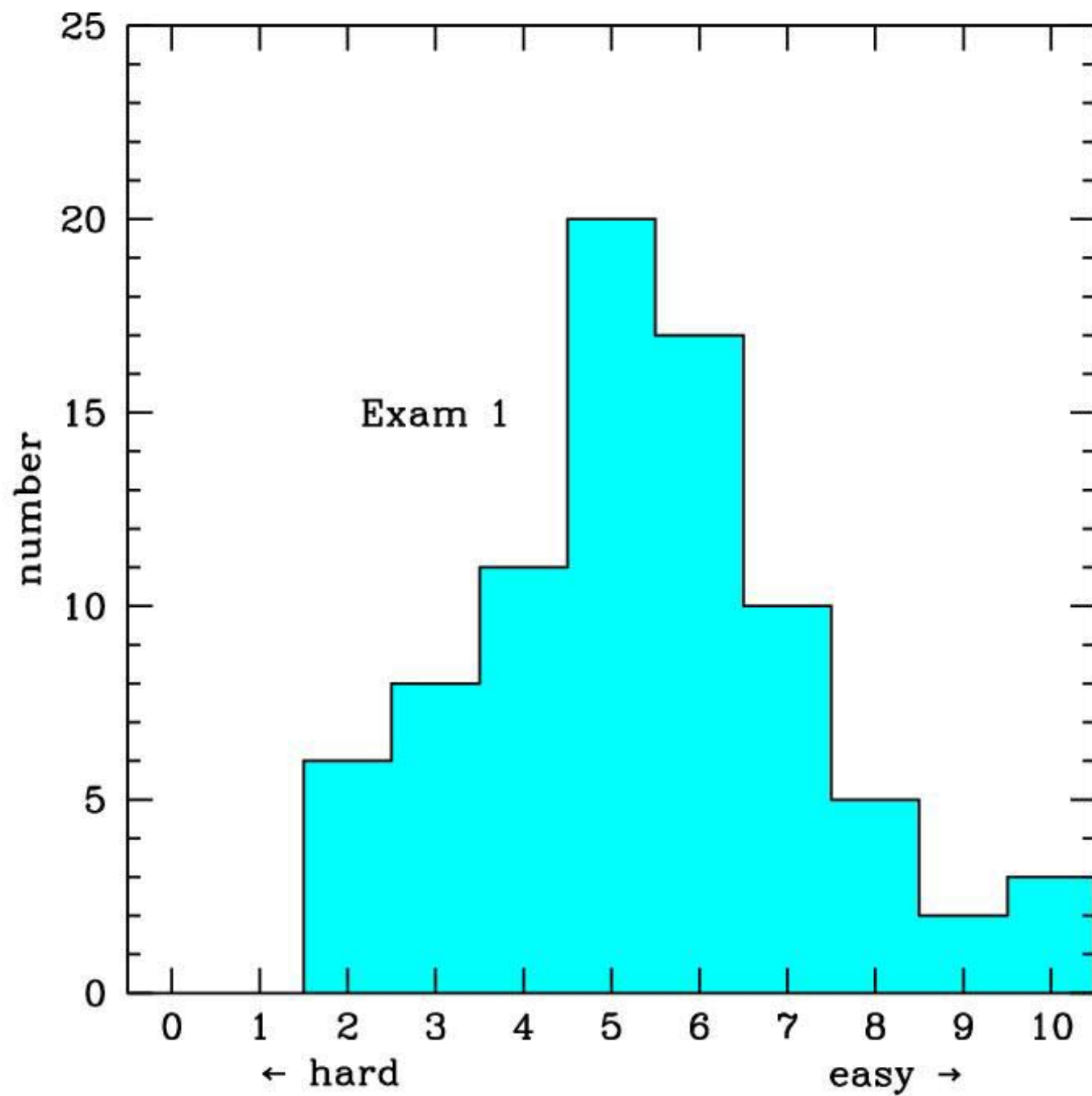
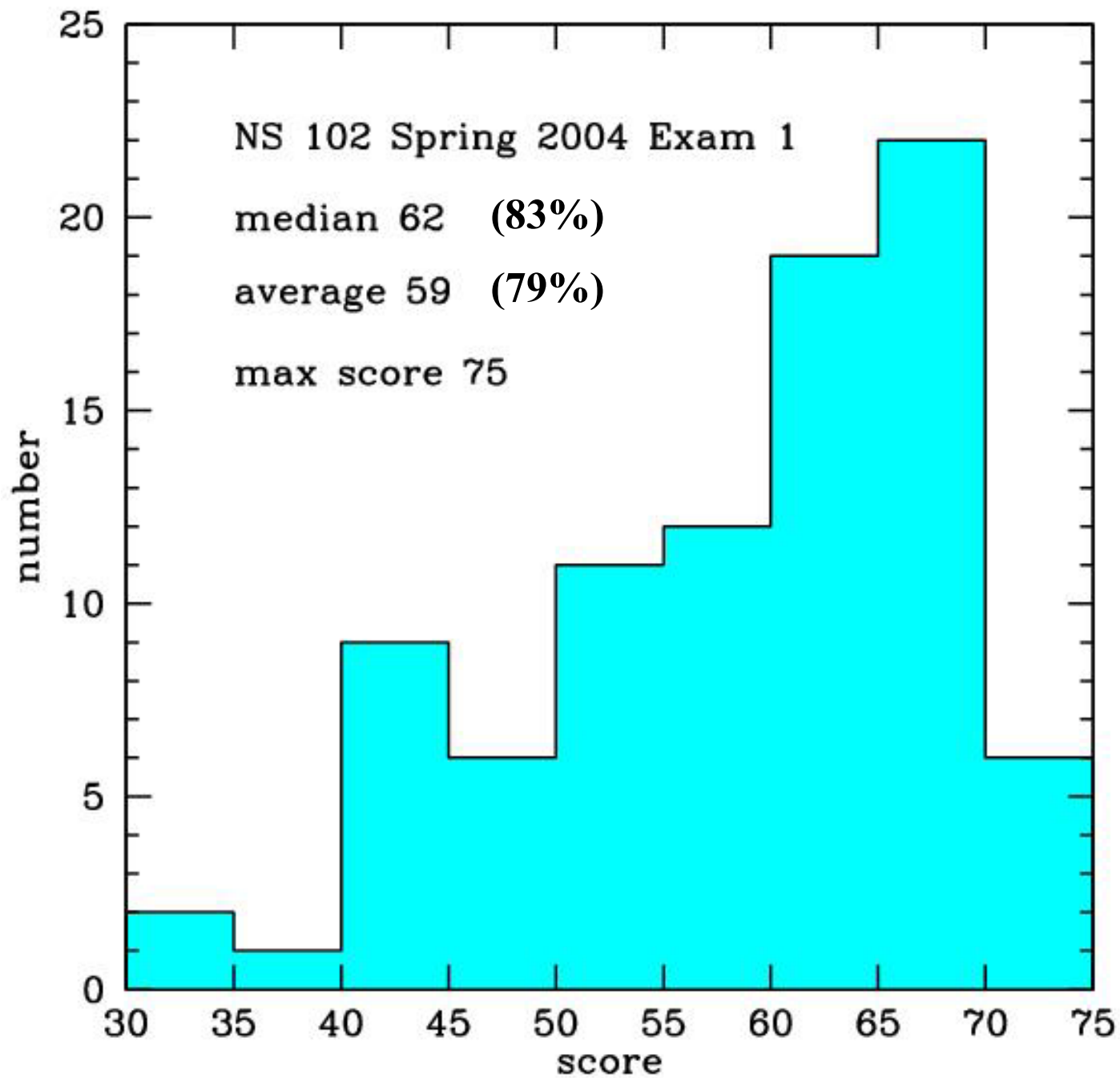


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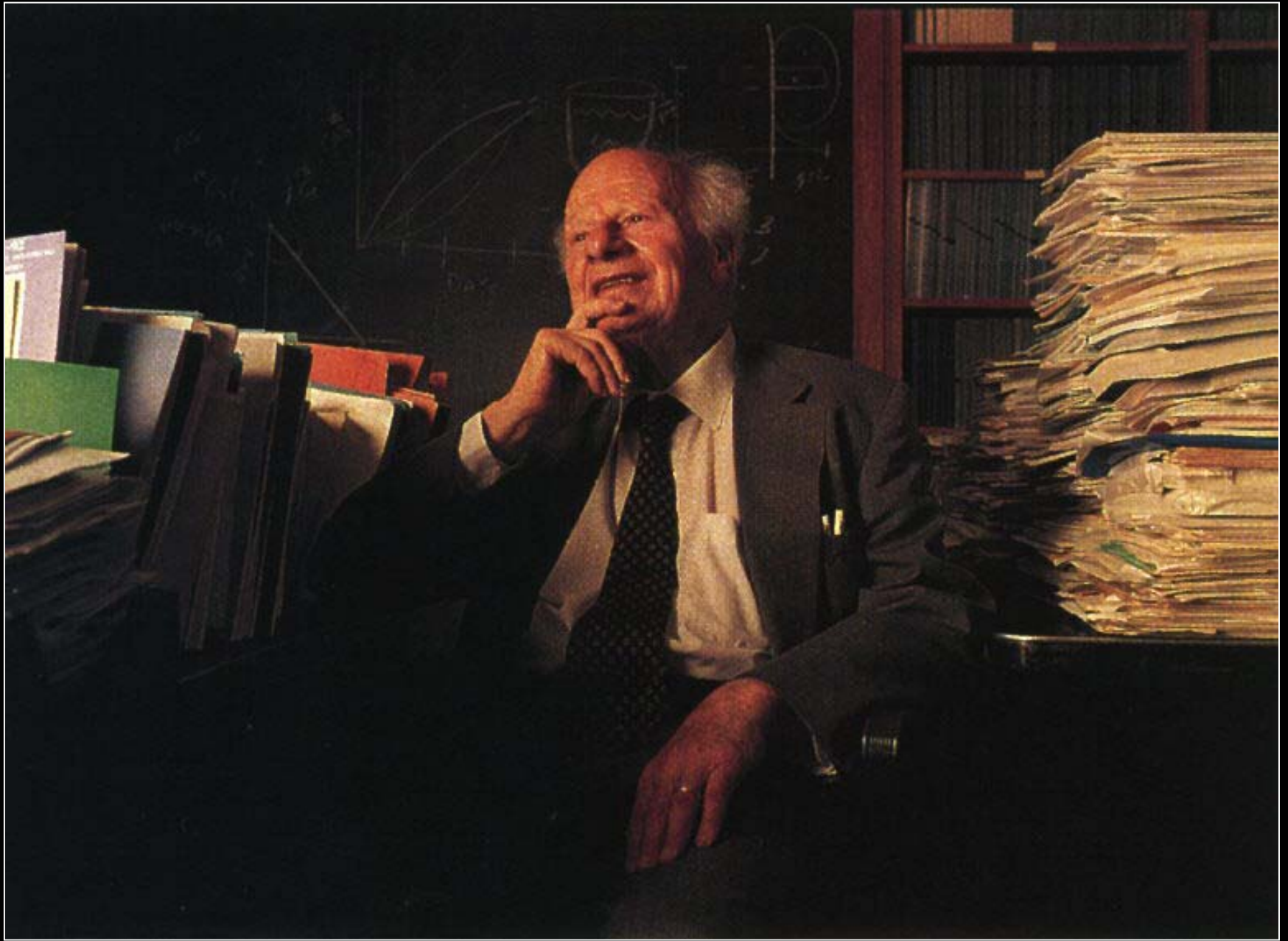




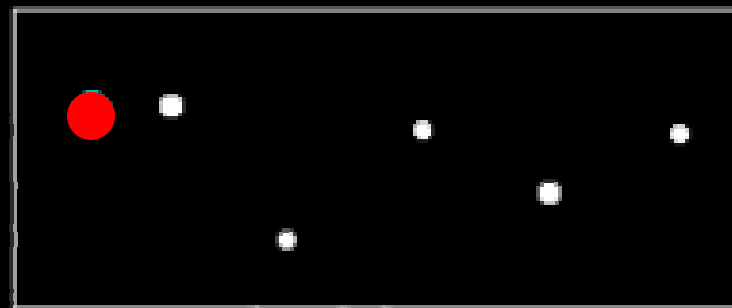




# *Why do the stars shine?*



DISTANT



VIEW FROM A

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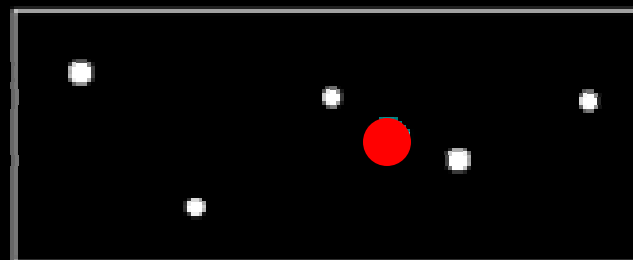
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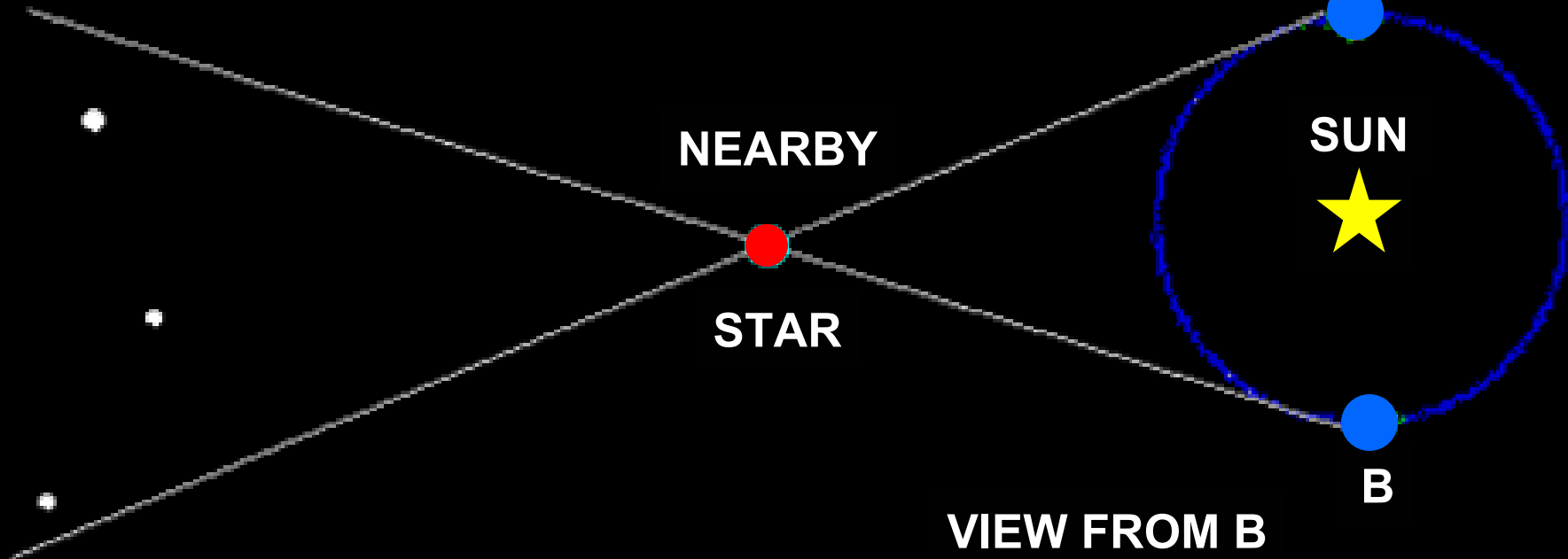
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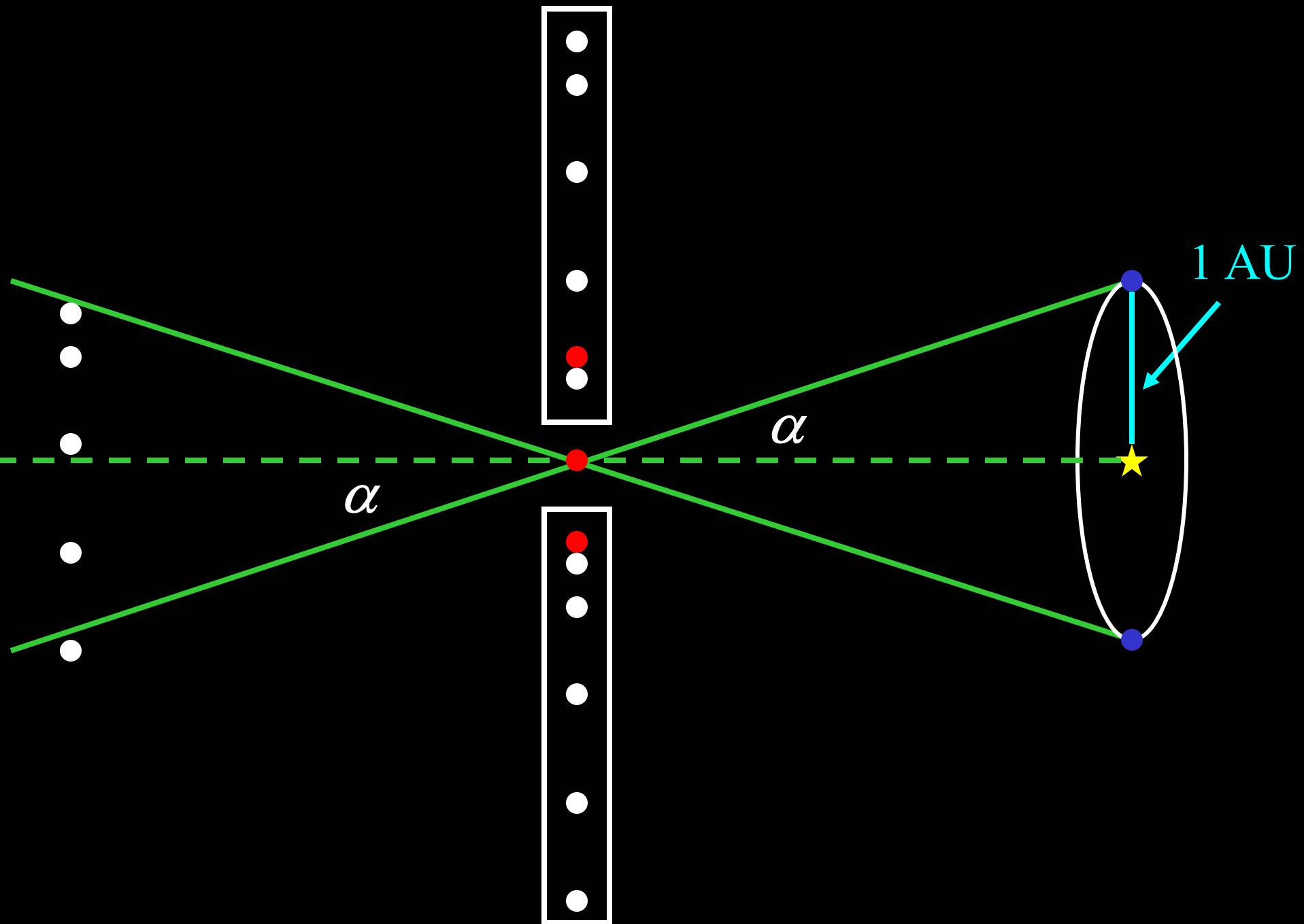
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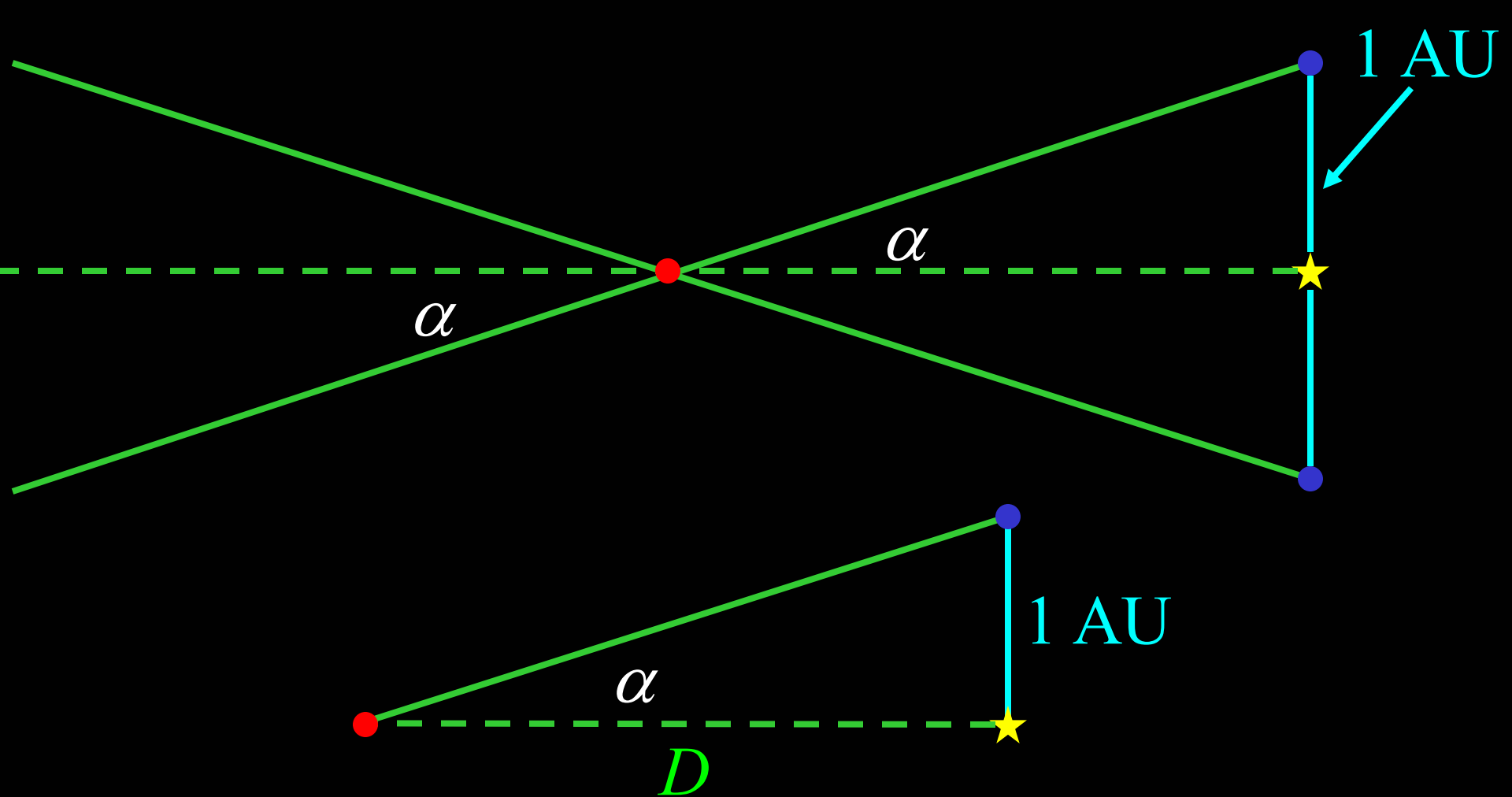
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STARS

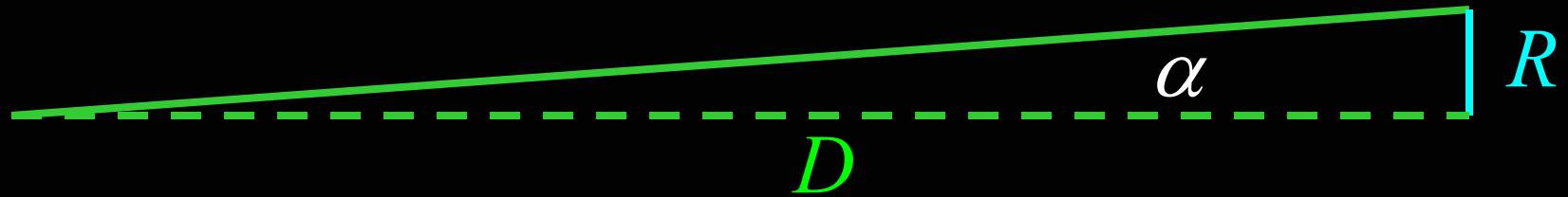






$$\tan \alpha = \frac{1 \text{ AU}}{D}$$





$$\tan \alpha = \frac{R}{D}$$

**law of skinny triangles:**

$$\tan \alpha = \sin \alpha = \alpha \quad (\text{in radians})$$

$$\alpha \quad (\text{in radians}) = \frac{R}{D}$$

# What's a radian?

$$2\pi \text{ radians} = 360 \text{ degrees}$$

$$1 \text{ radian} = \frac{360}{2\pi} \text{ degrees} \approx 57.3 \text{ degrees}$$

$$0.01 \text{ radians} \times \frac{60 \text{ degrees}}{1 \text{ radian}} = 0.6 \text{ degrees}$$

$$3 \text{ degrees} \times \frac{1 \text{ radian}}{60 \text{ degrees}} = 0.05 \text{ radians}$$

# *The skinny on triangles*

$\alpha$ (degrees)	$\alpha(\text{radians}) = \alpha \text{ (degrees)} \times \frac{2\pi}{360^\circ}$	$\tan \alpha = \alpha + \frac{\alpha^3}{3!} + \dots$	$\sin \alpha = \alpha - \frac{\alpha^3}{3!} + \dots$
$3^\circ$	0.05236	0.05241	0.05234
$10^\circ$	0.17453	0.17633	0.17365
$30^\circ$	0.52360	0.57735	0.50000
$100^\circ$	1.74533	0.98481	-5.67128

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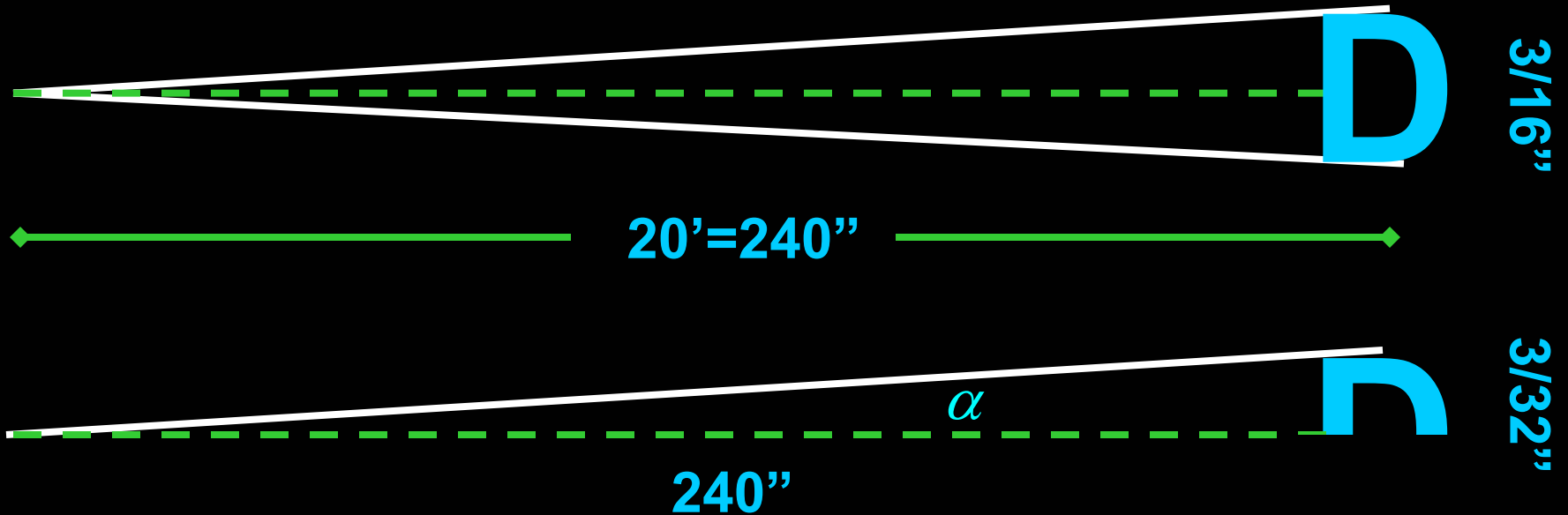
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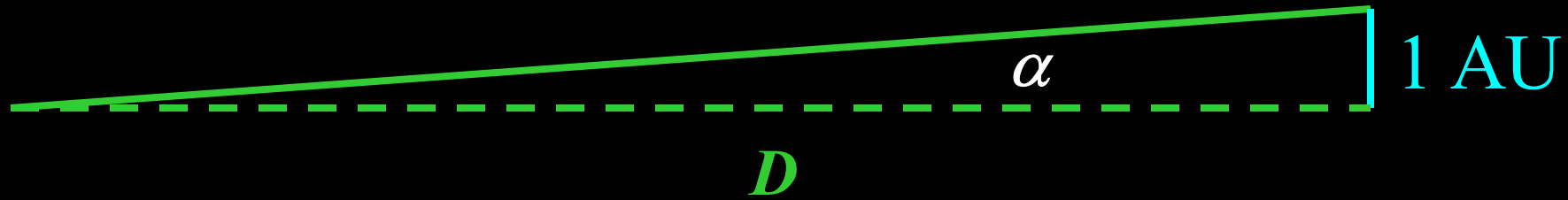
# How good are your eyes?



$$\alpha = \frac{3}{32} \frac{1}{240} = 4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ radians} \times \frac{360 \text{ degrees}}{2\pi \text{ radians}} = 0.02^\circ$$

$$\alpha = 0.02^\circ \times \frac{60 \text{ minutes}}{1 \text{ degree}} = 1'$$

$$D = 2'$$

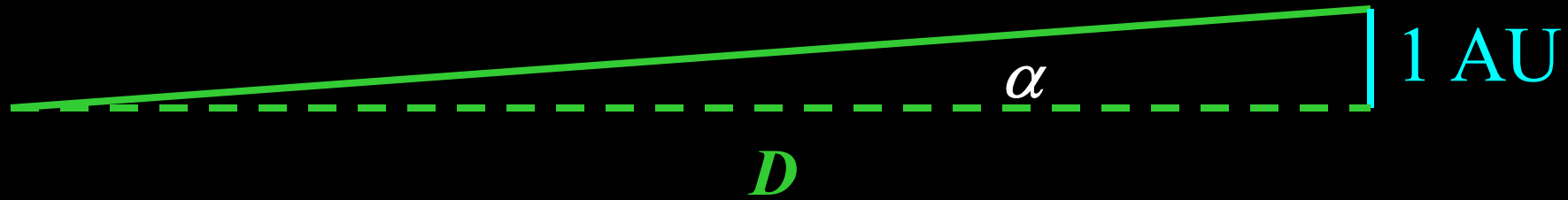


$$\alpha = \frac{1 \text{ AU}}{D} \text{ ~~radians~~ } \times \frac{60 \text{ degrees}}{\text{~~radian~~}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{60 \text{ AU}}{D} \text{ ~~degrees~~ } \times \frac{60 \text{ minutes}}{\text{~~1 degree~~}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{3600 \text{ AU}}{D} \text{ ~~minutes~~ } \times \frac{60 \text{ seconds}}{\text{~~1 minute~~}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{206,264.8 \text{ AU}}{D} \text{ seconds}$$



$$\alpha = \frac{1 \text{ AU}}{D} \text{ radians}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{206,264.8 \text{ AU}}{D} \text{ seconds}$$

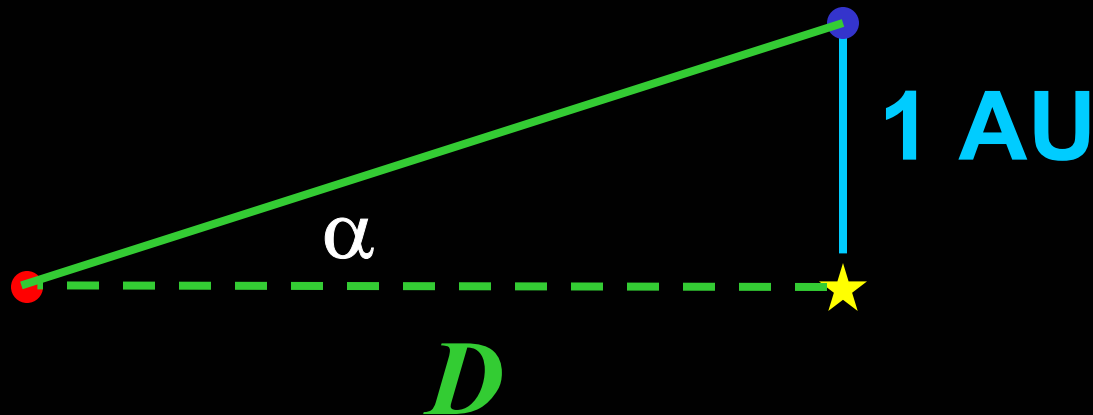
$$1 \text{ pc} = 206,264.8 \text{ AU} = 3.26 \text{ light years} \\ = 10^{13} \text{ (10,000,000,000,000) miles}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\text{pc}}{D} \text{ seconds}$$

$$D = \frac{\text{second}}{\alpha} \text{ pc}$$

$$\frac{D}{200,000 \text{ AU}} = \frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{parallax}}$$

$$\frac{D}{\text{pc}} = \frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{parallax}}$$





$$\frac{D}{\text{pc}} = \frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{parallax}}$$

star	parallax (")	distance (pc)
$\alpha$ Centauri	0.75	1.3
Barnard's star	0.5	2.0
Sirius	0.4	2.5
Altair	0.2	5.0

# Let's think for a second of arc



$$\alpha = \frac{1 \text{ cm}}{D} \text{ radians}$$

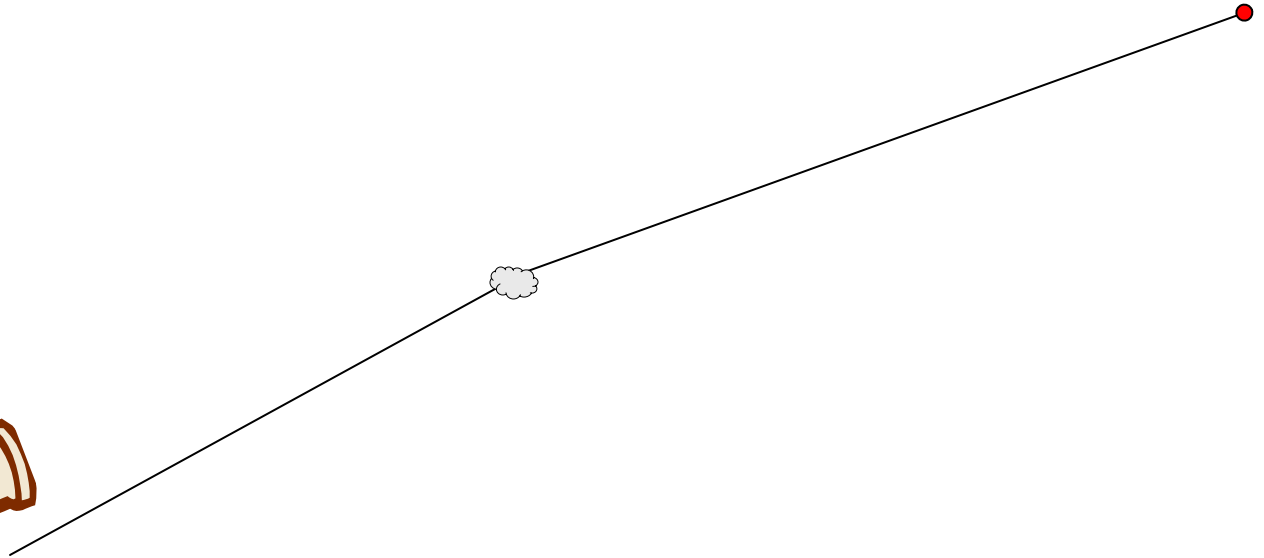
$$\alpha = \frac{200,000 \text{ cm}}{D} \text{ seconds}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{2 \text{ km}}{D} \text{ seconds}$$

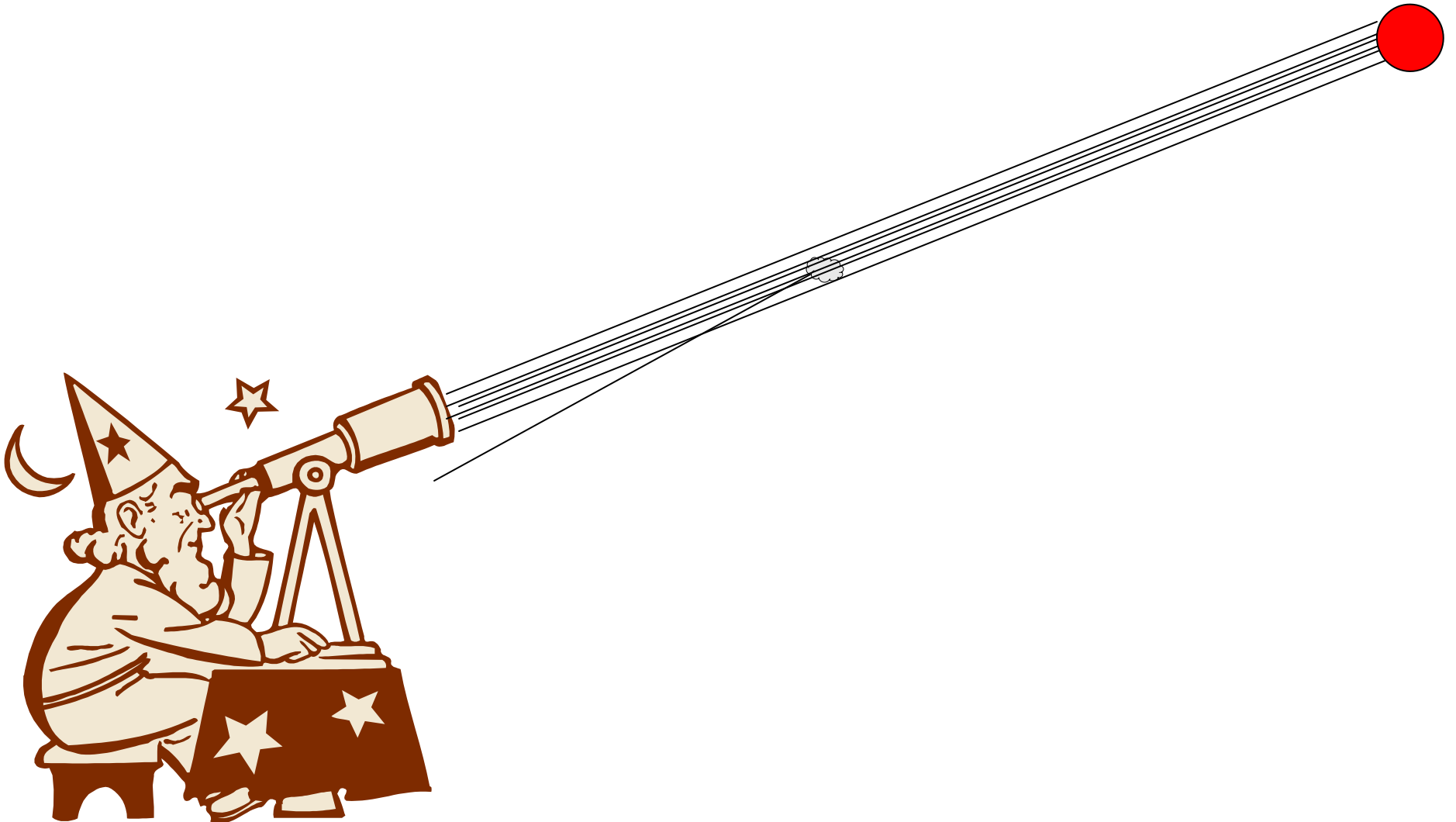
$\alpha$	$D$
4"	1/2 km
2"	1 km
1"	2 km
0.1"	20 km
0.01"	200 km
0"	infinity



# *Twinkle, twinkle little star*

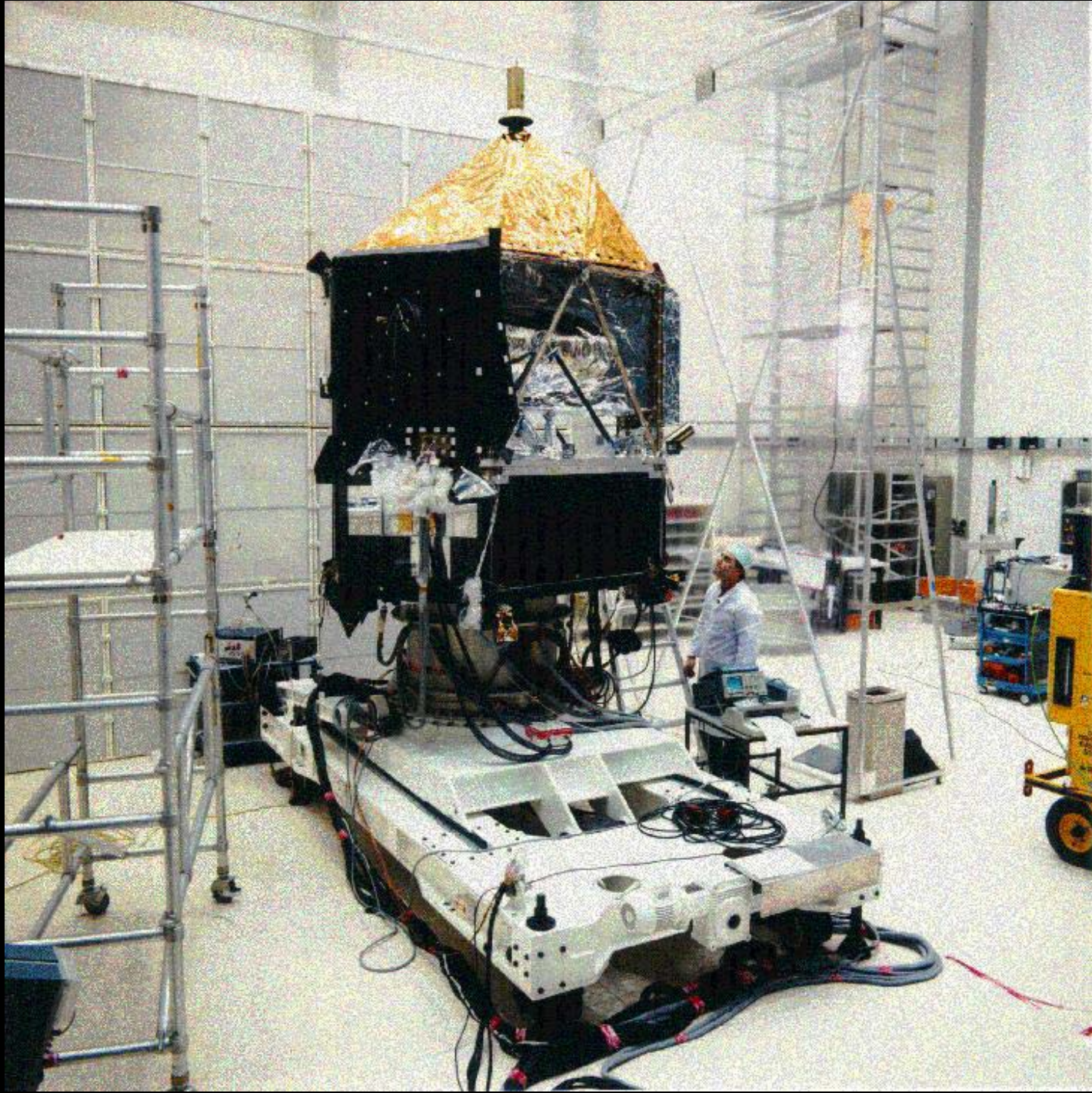


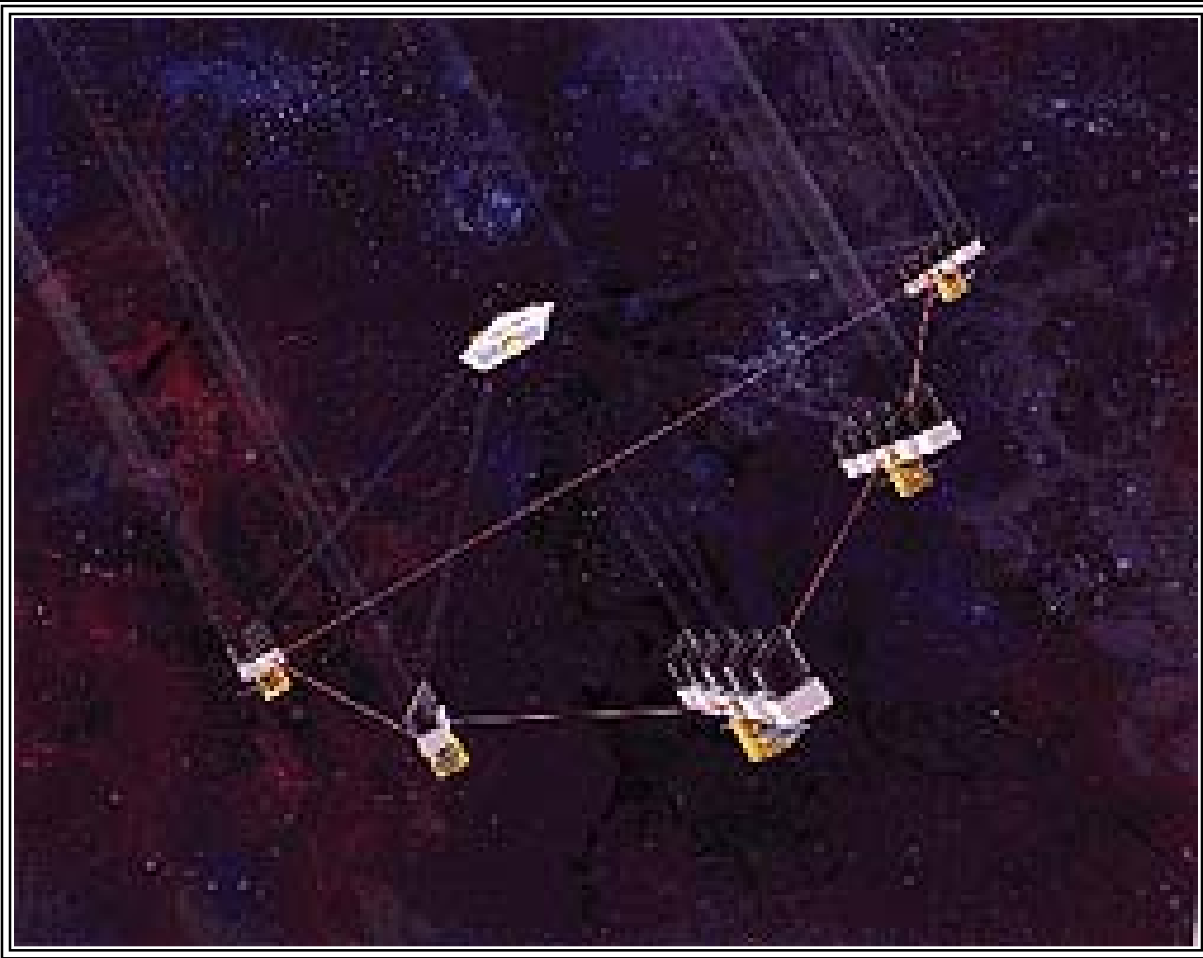
# *Twinkle, twinkle little star*





# Hipparcos



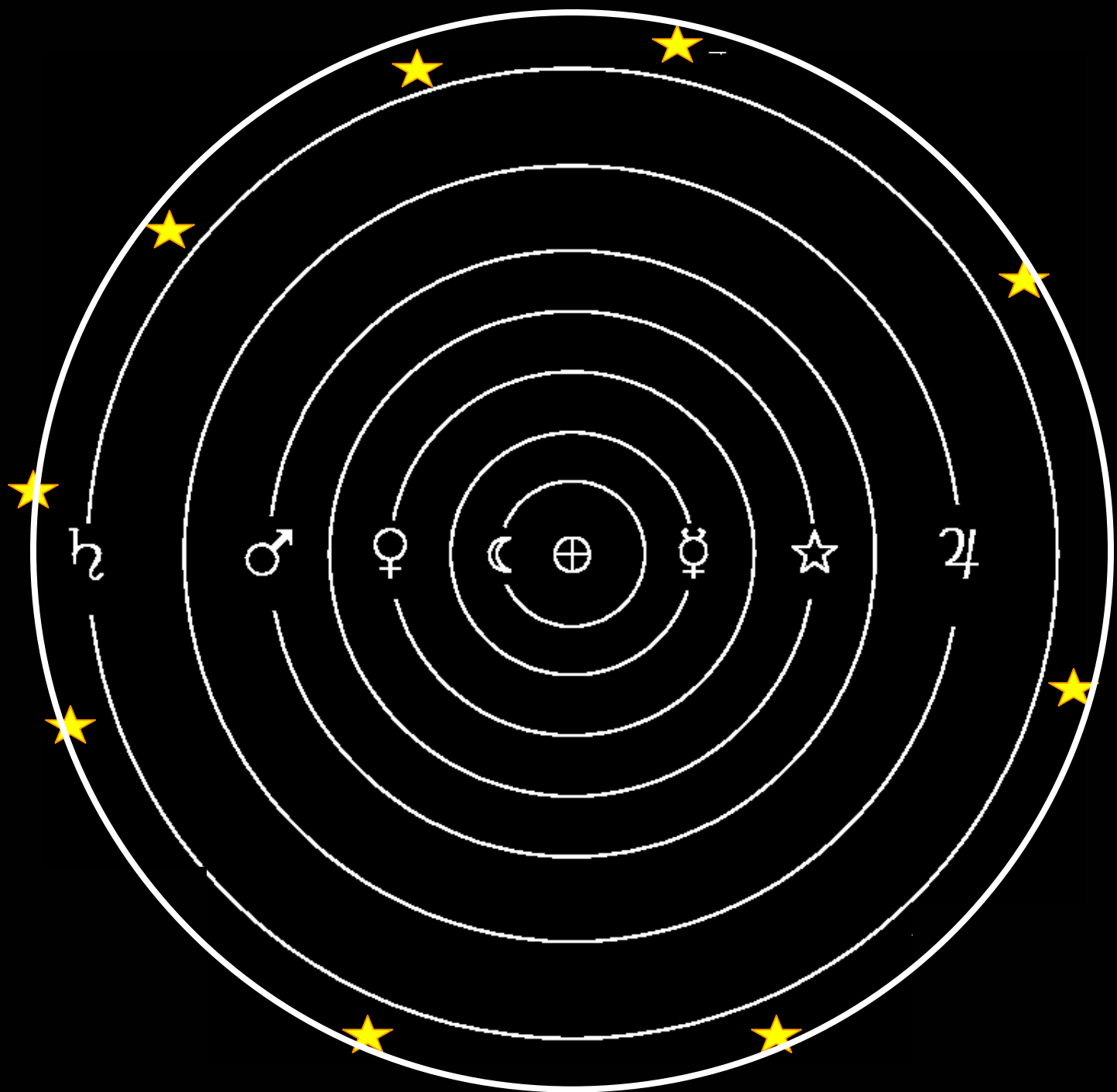


**Planet Imager**

**Formation  
Flying**

**Launch: 2030**

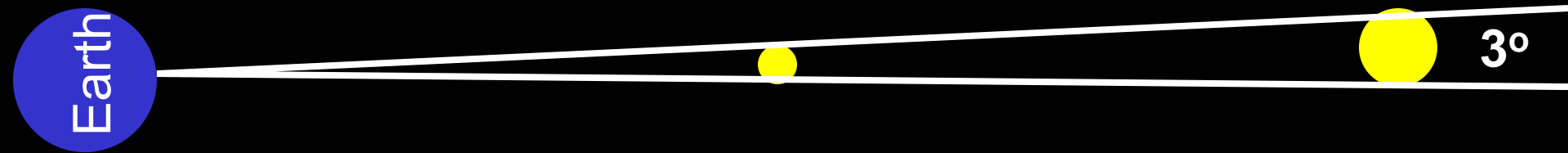
**32 X 8 meter mirrors  
Baseline = 6000 km**





<b>Planet</b>	<b>angular diameter (in minutes)</b>	
	<b>Ptolemy</b>	<b>True</b>
<b>Mercury</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Venus</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Mars</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.15</b>
<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Saturn</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Bright stars</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>~0</b>

How far away are stars? How big are stars?



Both objects have an angular diameter of 3°



Run 94 Col 3 Field 387



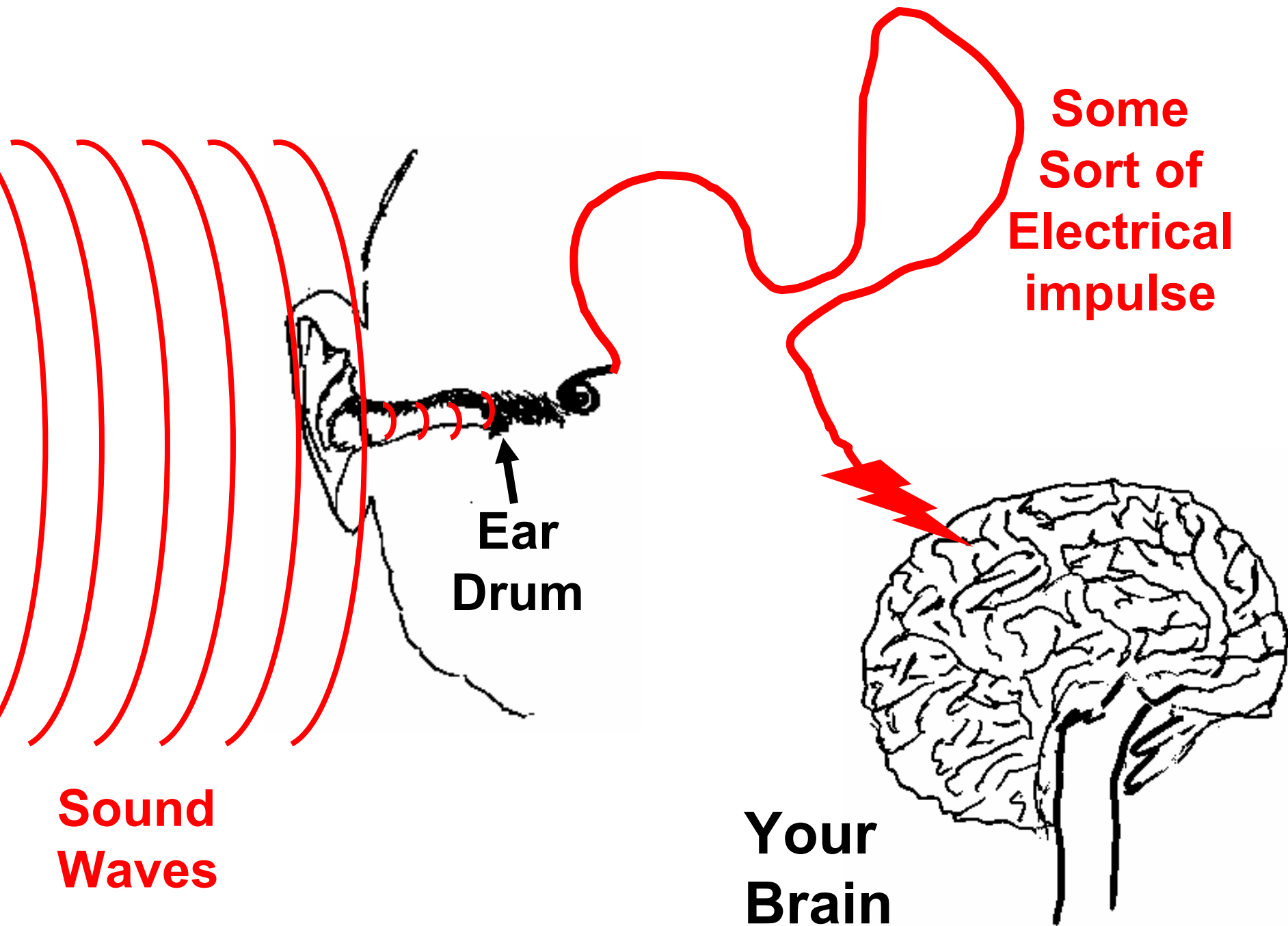


**They have different apparent brightness**

**They have different colors**

**They move**

**They change in brightness**



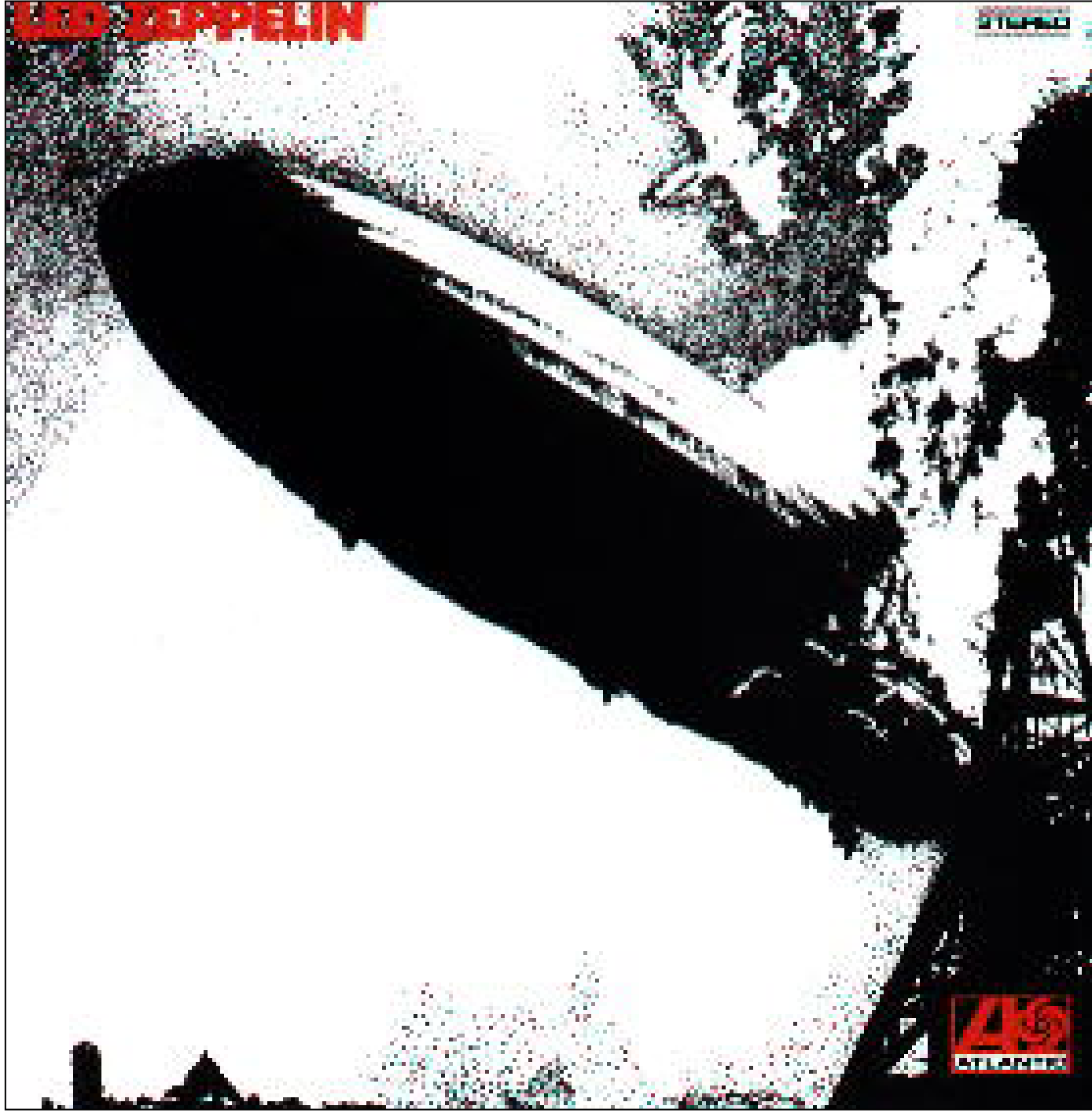
# **Loudness: Intensity: energy per second in ear**

$I_{\text{THRESHOLD}}$  = energy per second in ear  
at threshold of hearing

$I_{\text{PAIN}}$  = energy per second in ear  
at threshold of pain

$$I_{\text{PAIN}} / I_{\text{THRESHOLD}} = ?$$

# LED ZEPPELIN



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at threshold of pain

$$I_{\text{PAIN}} / I_{\text{THRESHOLD}} = 10^{12} !!!$$

1 – 100 ( $10^2$ )

100 – 1,000 ( $10^3$ )

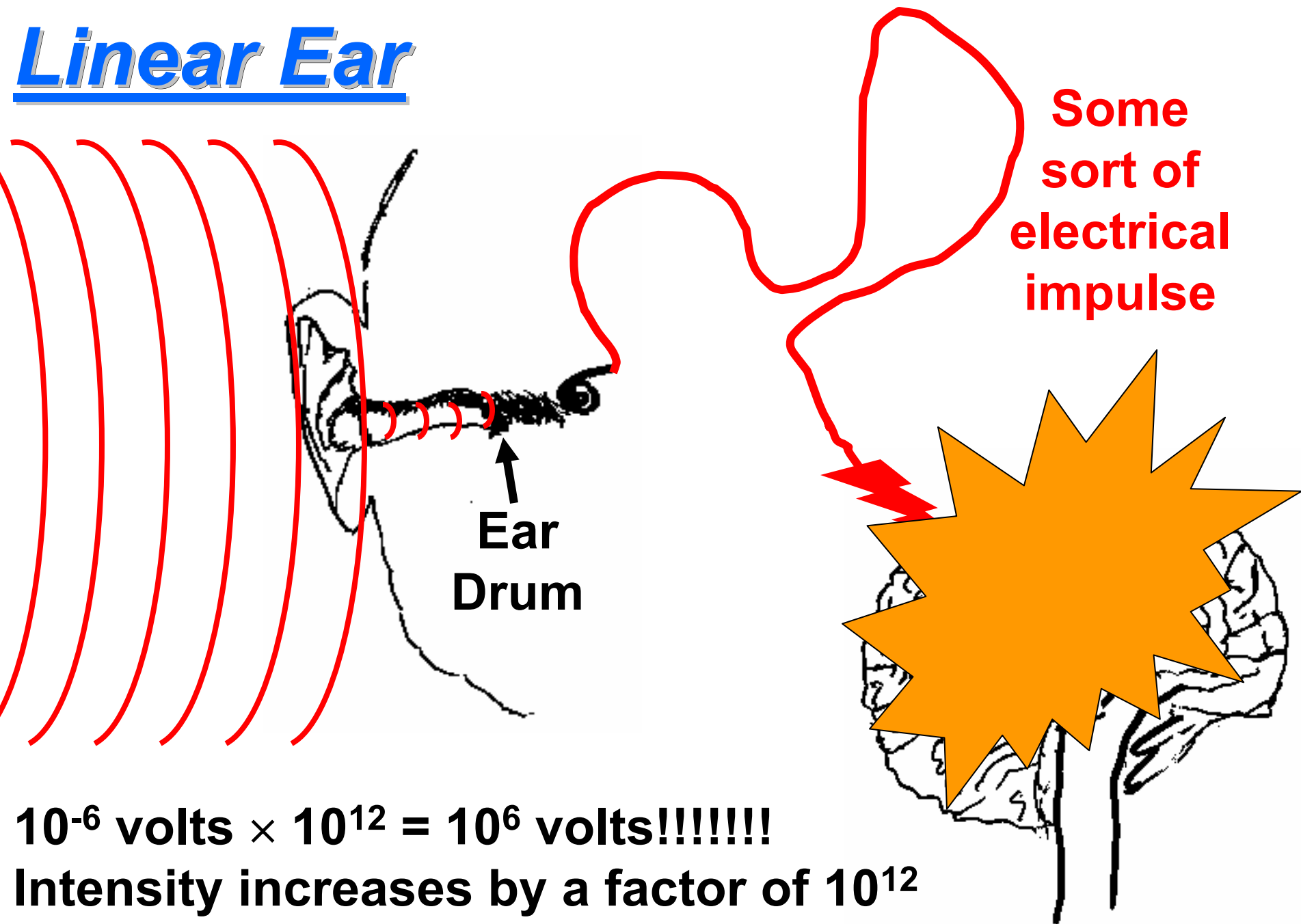
1,000 – 1,000,000 ( $10^6$ )

1,000,000 – 1,000,000,000 ( $10^9$ )

1,000,000,000 – 1,000,000,000,000 ( $10^{12}$ )



# Linear Ear



$10^{-6} \text{ volts} \times 10^{12} = 10^6 \text{ volts!!!!!!}$

Intensity increases by a factor of  $10^{12}$

→ electrical impulse increases by  $10^{12}$

**Intensity: energy per time per area**

$$I = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Time Area}}$$

**$I_0$  = threshold of hearing**

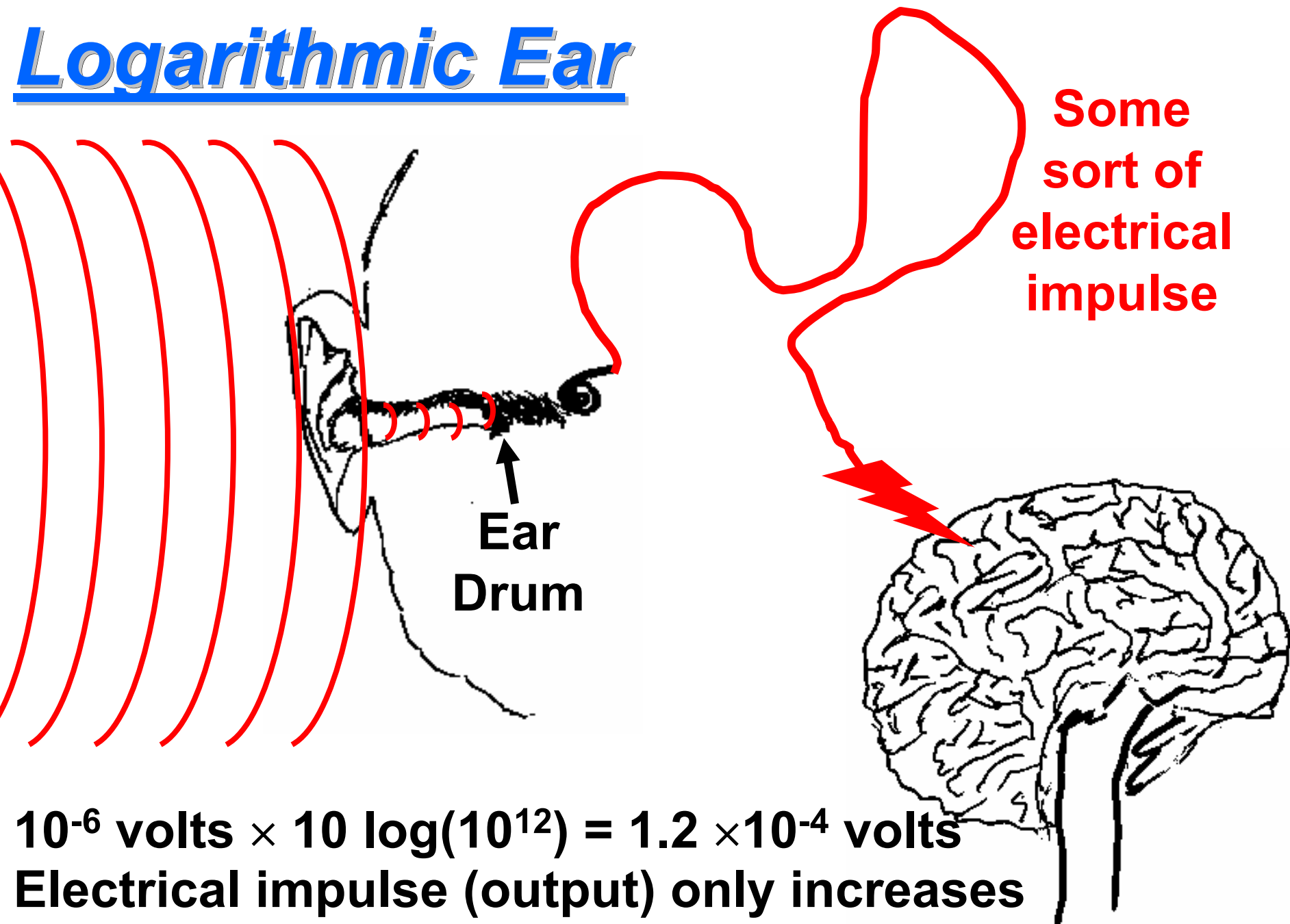
$$\text{dB} = 10 \log (I / I_0)$$

$$I / I_0 = 10^{12}$$

$$\log (10^{12}) = 12$$

$$\text{dB} = 10 \times 12 = 120$$

# Logarithmic Ear



$$10^{-6} \text{ volts} \times 10 \log(10^{12}) = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ volts}$$

Electrical impulse (output) only increases  
as the logarithm of the input

**$I_0$  is intensity at threshold of hearing**

$I/I_0$	$\log (I/ I_0)$	$\text{dB} = 10 \log (I/ I_0)$
$10^{-2}$	-2	-20
1	0	0
$10^2$	2	20
$10^6$	6	60
$10^{12}$	12	120
$10^{20}$	20	200

**Difference of about 1 dB is about the smallest change that can be noticed by the human ear**

$$\text{dB}_1 = 10 \log(I_1/I_0) \qquad \text{dB}_2 = 10 \log(I_2/I_0)$$

$$\text{dB}_1 - \text{dB}_2 = 10 \log(I_1/I_0) - 10 \log(I_2/I_0)$$

$$= 10 \left[ \log(I_1/I_0) - \log(I_2/I_0) \right]$$

$$= 10 \left[ \log(I_1) - \cancel{\log(I_0)} - \log(I_2) + \cancel{\log(I_0)} \right]$$

$$= 10 \left[ \log(I_1) - \log(I_2) \right] = 10 \log(I_1/I_2)$$

$$1 = 10 \log(I_1/I_2)$$

$$0.1 = \log(I_1/I_2) \rightarrow 10^{0.1} = I_1/I_2 \rightarrow 1.25 = I_1/I_2$$

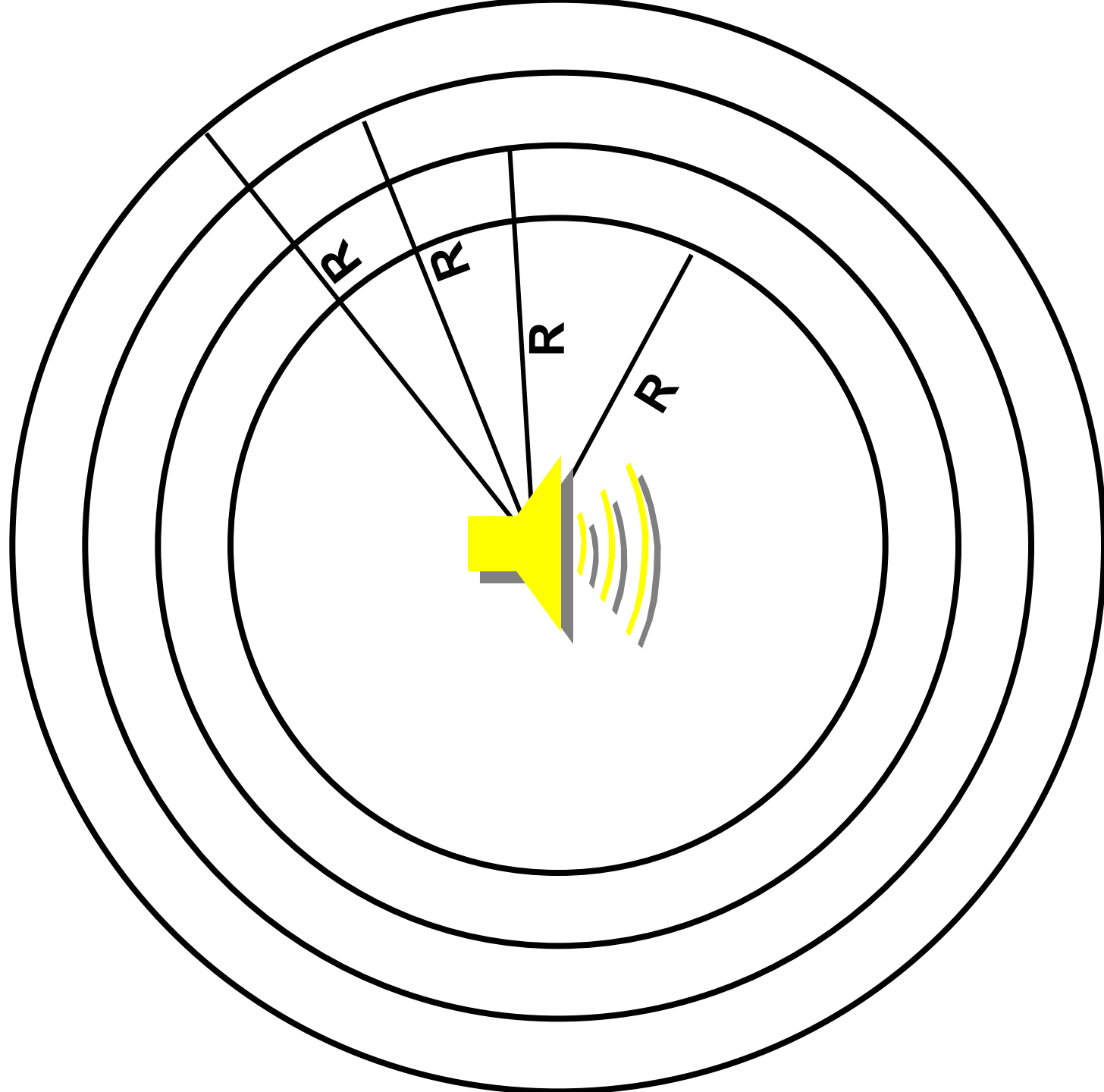
**Intensity: energy per time per area**

$$I = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Time Area}}$$

$\frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Time}}$  (Power) measured in watts

Area measured in  $\text{cm}^2$

**Intensity in watts per  $\text{cm}^2$**



**Intensity: energy per time per area**

$$I = \frac{\text{power}}{\text{cm}^2}$$

**Power property of source**

**Intensity depends on power  
and distance between  
source and detector**

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{power}}{4\pi R^2}$$



*Let there be light*



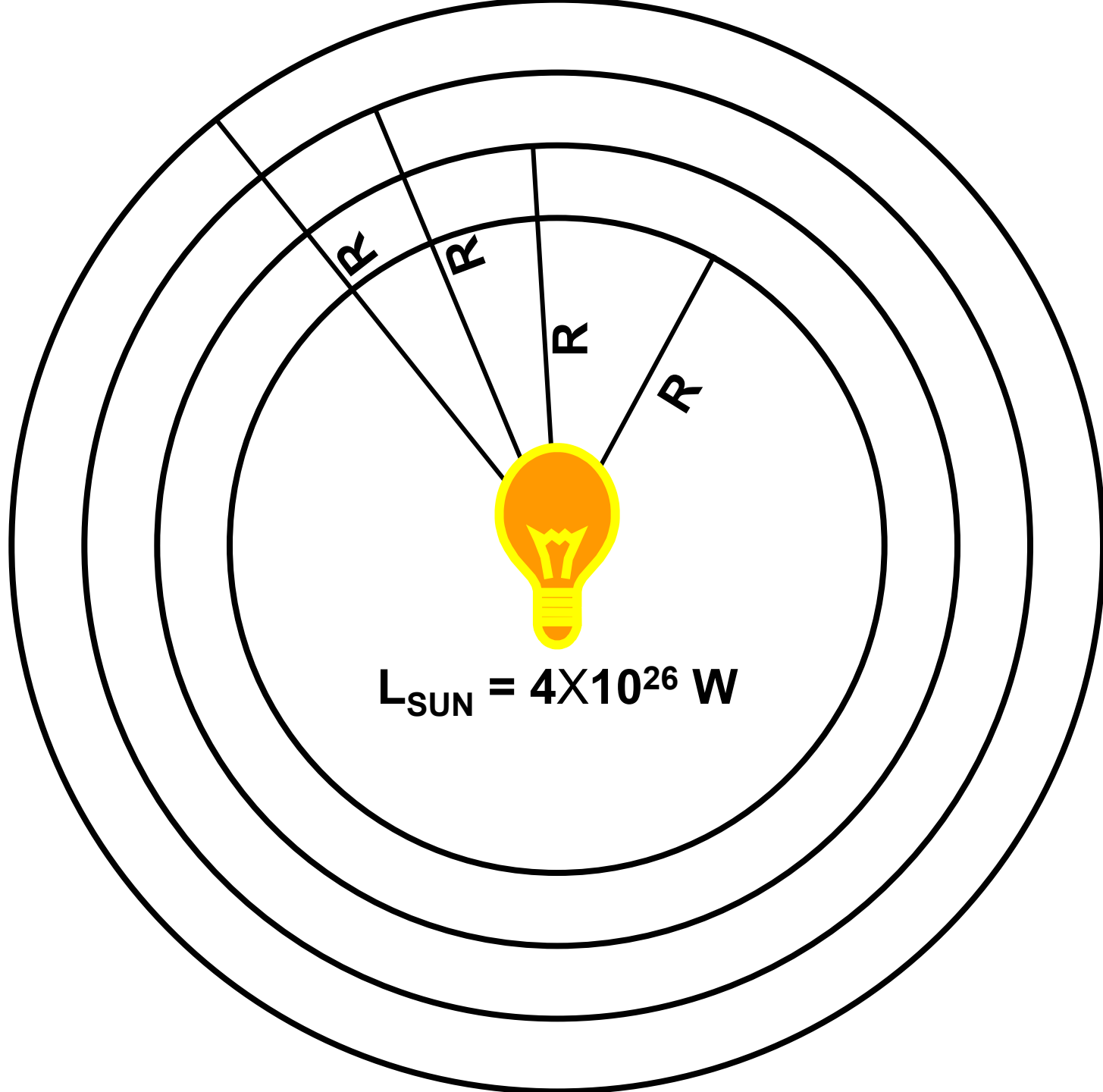
**For light!!!**

$$I = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Time Area}}$$

**$\frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Time}}$  (Luminosity) measured in watts**

**Area measured in  $\text{cm}^2$**

**Intensity in watts per  $\text{cm}^2$**



$$L_{\text{SUN}} = 4 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$$

***For light!!!***

$$I = \frac{\text{luminosity}}{\text{cm}^2}$$

**Luminosity** property of source

**Intensity** depends on power  
and distance between  
source and detector

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{luminosity}}{4\pi R^2}$$

# *Logarithmic Eye*

